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Visa Renewals and Interview Waivers: Certain applicants may now be eligible for a waiver of interview when applying for their next visa at the U.S. Embassy Consular Section

With limited exceptions, applicants for U.S. visas worldwide must have their fingerprints enrolled at U.S. Embassy Consular Section. Certain applicants may now be eligible for U.S. visa re-issuance without being interviewed by a Consular officer.

To see if you qualify, please complete the checklist below:

- Are you applying for the same type of visa within 48 months of the expiration of your previous visa?
- Have you previously provided a full set of 10 fingerprints at U.S. Embassy Consular Section during a visa interview?
- Are you a Papua New Guinean citizen or permanent resident?
- Was your previous visa approved at the time of the interview without any correspondence from the Consular Section indicating your application required further administrative processing?
- If you answered "Yes" to all of the above questions, you may be eligible for The Fingerprint Reissue/Reuse Program.

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- Your previous visa was not lost, stolen, or revoked;
- You have not changed your name or nationality since the issuance of your last U.S. visa;
- You have not been previously refused a visa or entry into the US;
- Your previous visa did not require a waiver of ineligibility (For example: criminal convictions)
- You have had no arrests or convictions (other than minor traffic violations) that have occurred since your previous visa
 was issued.
- You have no ineligibilities or reason to believe you have failed to comply with U.S. immigration law.

Do you meet all of the above requirements?

Yes. Please see our instructions below on how to apply to renew your U.S. Visa.

No. If after reading the above information you do not meet the requirements of The Fingerprint Reissue/Reuse Program, you must schedule an appointment and appear in person for a nonimmigrant visa interview at U.S. Embassy.

Applying to renew your U.S. visa

All applicants must submit the following documents:

- A newly completed Electronic Visa Application Form DS-160 (https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/).
- A high quality recent photo (50×50mm) on a white background. Digital photos will not be accepted

- A valid passport. If your previous visa was issued in a previous, expired passport, it must be submitted along with the new passport.
- A bank draft in the amount of USD 160.00 made out to "U.S. Embassy." Personal or company checks are not accepted.
- A prepaid, self addressed courier envelope for the return of your passport.
- Other documents:

B1/B2 visa applicants: please provide a letter of explanation outlining the reasons you are applying for the B1/B2 visa: purpose of travel, travel plans, who will pay for the travel, when you plan to depart the United States, etc.

C1/D or I visa applicants: please provide a letter of employment on the company letterhead.

F, J or M visa applicants: please provide the original I-20/DS-2019/DS-7002 and Sevis fee receipt.

E3 and E3R visa applicants: please provide the Labor Condition Application (LCA)

H, L, O, P, Q, and R visa applicants: please include I-797 petitions or official notifications.

Where to submit your application

Please send your DS 160 application confirmation page, valid passport, supporting documents and return envelope to the following address:

American Embassy Consular Section Douglas Street Port Moresby NCD

What else do I need to Know?

Eligible candidates for The Fingerprint Reissue/Reuse Program may not require an interview with a consular officer. If you have already provided a full set of ten fingerprints, your application will be reviewed upon receipt. If you are deemed to be eligible for The Fingerprint Reissue/Reuse Program and your application documents are found to be in order, your visa will be issued. Otherwise, the Consulate staff will inform you that a personal appearance at the Consulate will be required.

Even applicants who meet all of the requirements may still be required to attend an interview. A decision on the interview waiver is solely at the discretion of the reviewing officer.

Questions?

Please contact us at consularportmoresby@state.gov.